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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Transportation Committee Minutes

Draft MINUTES

June 4, 2010

Cook County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower Chicago, Illinois

Members Present:

Chair Chris Snyder-DuPage County, Leanne Redden- RTA, , Brian Carlson- IDOT District One, Michael Connelly-CTA, Maria Choca-Urban-CNT, Rocky Donahue-Pace, John Donovan-FHWA, Kevin Garcia-NIRPC, Jack Groner-Metra, Robert Hann-Private Providers, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Don Kopec-CMAP, Jamy Lyne-Will County, Arlene Mulder-Council of Mayors, Jason Osborn-McHenry County, Tom Rickert-Kane County, Keith Sherman-IDOT OP&P, Mike Sullivan-Kendall County, Vonu Thakuriah-UIC, Paula Trigg-Lake County, Matthew Vitner- Cook County, David Werner-FTA, Rocco Zucchero-Tollway,

Members Absent:

Chuck Abraham-IDOT DPIT, Randy Neufeld-Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mike Rogers-IEPA, Joe Schofer-Northwestern, Peter Skosey-MPC, Ken Yunker-SEWRPC, Tom Zapler-Class 1 Railroads

Others Present:

Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Kristen Bennett, Glen Campbell, Lenny Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Lynette Ciavarella, Chalen Daigle, Chris DiPalma, Kama Dobbs, Bud Fleming, Colleen Gannon, Valbona Kokoshi, Christina Kupkowski, Aimee Lee, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, David Seglin, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Susan Stitt, Brian Umbright, Mike Walczak, Jan Ward, Tammy Wierciak

Staff:

Randy Blankenhorn, Patricia Berry, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, George Johnson, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Tom Murtha, Ross Patronsky, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

9:30 AM

Chris Snyder, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-April 23, 2010

Tom Rickert motioned for the minutes to be approved, seconded by Paula Trigg. All ayes, motion approved.

4.0 Regional Indicators

Tom Murtha presented a brief update on Regional Indicators. Mr. Murtha noted that many of the transportation system performance measures adopted as part of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan are being carried forward into the Regional Indicators project. The committee was reminded that CMAP is collecting baseline information about the region; with indicators to help monitor the impact of implementing *GO TO 2040* recommendations.

Mr. Murtha reviewed summaries of several data items identified as performance measures or regional indicators. Examples of such data included highway performance measures such as travel time indices, planning time indices, and congested hours, each of which had shown substantial improvement over the past several years, owing to the economic circumstances. Mr. Murtha also reviewed transit on-time performance data. He pointed out the North Central Service, which had substantial investment in the 2030 RTP, and had a subsequent striking improvement in on-time performance. CMAP staff is hopeful that future plan implementation will show like positive results in indicator and performance measurement data.

5.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

The Planning Coordinating Committee met May 12, 2010. The Urban Land Institute (ULI) is defining its role to encourage effective investment in infrastructure. ULI plans to advocate for project implementation, including developing public and private finance options. The committee has scheduled an additional meeting in September to recommend approval of the final draft of the plan, since the meeting needs to occur after the public comment ends and before the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board meet to consider approving the plan in October. The focus of *GO TO 2040* is its 12 policy recommendations grouped into four categories: Livable Communities, Regional Mobility, Human Capital and Governance. The plan will include the recommendations for major transportation capital projects. Staff reported that several changes were made as a result of comments from stakeholders, including adding engineering of the Illiana to the fiscally constrained list, changing I-290 from managed lanes to a multi-modal corridor to reflect community consensus that transit improvement must be part of the solution and adding a recommendation that a context sensitive solution approach be used in designing the

Central Lake County Corridor. There was a preview of the website that will be implemented after the approval of the Plan in October.

On May 12, 2010, the Programming Coordinating Committee met. The State Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Work Program (UWP) was presented. It was discussed that prior to the next UWP development process; the project selection criteria will be reviewed and aligned to the *GO TO 2040* plan. There was an update on the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp Up Program which has received a 25 million dollar grant to create a regional marketplace to improving the energy efficiency of buildings. CMAP will be administering the grant. This will be for start up costs to create information systems, financial products and workforce development. It is anticipated that the private sector will embrace and continue the program after the initial start-up. The committee was also given an update on the draft FFY 10-15 TIP and CMAP legislative initiatives.

6.0 Transportation Improvement Program

6.1 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modification

There were no public comments on the non-exempt and exempt TIP amendment and modification reports. Approval of TIP revisions was moved by Jamy Lyne seconded by Paula Trigg, the committee approved the TIP amendments. All ayes.

6.2 FFY 2010-2015 /GO TO 2040 Conformity Analysis and Proposed FFY 10-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The conformity analyses that were prepared for the FFY 10-15 TIP and *GO TO 2040* were described. The committee was again informed of the public comment period from June 11 through August 6.

7.0 SFY 2011 UWP

The public comment period for the SFY 2011 UWP closed on May 7th and no comments were received. The committee was asked to recommend MPO Policy Committee approval of the SFY 2011 UWP. Motioned by Jack Groner and seconded by Tom Rickert, vote all ayes, the committee recommended that the MPO Policy Committee approve the SFY 2011 UWP.

8 GOTO 2040

GO TO 2040 will be released for public comment beginning on June 11 thru August 6. There will be several public meetings throughout the comment period. There will also be presentations to stakeholder groups throughout the region. All audiences will be directed to the Executive Summary which is an annotated table of contents or guide to GO TO 2040. It gives a brief summary of the content of all the sections within the plan. If viewing the document online, direct links to the full text are available. The committee is encouraged to focus on Challenges and Opportunities section and then read sections of interest. The bulk of GO TO 2040 is recommendations. Sections are modular therefore there is no reason to read them in order, each chapter stands alone.

The committee discussed the treatment of major capital projects in *GO TO 2040*. Mr. Groner stated that Metra is concerned that funding for expansion projects is too low, which may limit progress on some projects that are underway. Mr. Rickert expressed similar concerns, and suggested that the plan contain more on the fiscally unconstrained projects, including a discussion of what activities could continue to occur for these projects, including active planning or ROW acquisition. Other committee members agreed with this point, particularly for fiscally unconstrained projects that have past encumbrances or have gone through a public involvement process. Staff noted that the focus of the plan is the fiscally constrained projects, but more can be added on the fiscally unconstrained projects. Mr. Groner asked if staff has meet with FHWA/FTA about the disparity between handling of highway and transit projects through the federal process; staff responded that there have been e-mails but no face-to-face meeting, yet.

9 Public Comment

Heather Armstrong expressed concerns about Metra safety specifically about people running across tracks when lights are flashing. Graham Armstrong asked about the lack of sidewalks on 159th. The Armstrongs were advised that these questions can be addressed directly by contacting Metra.

10 Next Meeting

The next meeting is July 30, 2010.

11 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Transportation Committee Members

Charles Abraham	Fran Klaas	Keith Sherman
Rocky Donahue	Don Kopec	Peter Skosey
Maria Choco Urban	Jamy Lyne	Chris Snyder*
Michael Connelly	Arlene J. Mulder	Steve Strains
John Donovan***	Randy Neufeld	Vonu Thakuriah
John Fortmann	Jason Osborn	Paula Trigg
Rupert Graham, Jr	Leanne Redden**	David Werner***
Jack Groner	Tom Rickert	Ken Yunker
Luann Hamilton	Mike Rogers	Tom Zapler
Robert Hann *Chair	Joe Schofer **Vice-Chair	Rocco Zucchero ***Non-voting